

FISCAL NOTE

SB 750 - HB 1031

February 13, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the annual income limit for eligibility for the Property Tax Relief Program for elderly homeowners 65 and older to \$15,000 for tax year 2001. Specifies that the first \$350 of social security retirement or disability benefits shall not be included in computing the annual income. The income limit under current law for 2001 is estimated to be \$11,910. Retains the annual income limit adjustment based on the cost of living adjustment for social security recipients. Omits social security income paid to a nursing home for nursing home care from the forms of income not considered in determining eligibility for tax relief.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$2,500,000

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 21,000 additional claims over the projected amount of 71,872 from elderly homeowners.
- average payment per claim of \$119.
- administrative expense of the Division of Property Assessments to handle additional claims of \$2.00 per claim.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director